

THE EVANGEL: SEPTEMBER 2022

FROM THE PASTOR



During Junior Sermon at U.C.C. we have been singing a song together by the group We Are Messenger. The song is titled “Come What May”. I love the beauty of loving and depending on God (come what may). Here are the words of the song.

*Sometimes sorrow is the door to peace
Sometimes heartache is the gift I need
You're faithful, faithful
In all things*

*In every high, in every low
On mountain tops, down broken roads
You're still my rock, my hope remains
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus*

*Come what may
Come what may*

*There is deep joy that You give to me
Where hurt meets the healing is a Holy thing*

*I see goodness, Your goodness
In all things, yeah*

*In every high, in every low
On mountain tops, down broken roads
You're still my rock, my hope remains
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus*

*Come what may
Come what may
Come what may*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
The Lord is my shepherd, leads me to still waters*

And He restores my soul (and He restores my soul)

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
(yes, He does, yes, He does)*

The Lord is my shepherd, leads me to still waters

And He restores my soul

*In every high, in every low
On mountain tops, down broken roads
You're still my rock, my hope remains
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus*

*In every high, in every low
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*Come what may
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In my life, I want to be the kind of person that can say come what may and not be afraid of the unknown. And then I am reminded of the line “There be a deep joy that You give to me Where hurt meets the healing is a Holy thing I see goodness”, So the God of all, give you comfort and joy, and may you be blessed to be willing to say COME WHAT MAY!

Jason Collier

KIDS' CLUB RESUMES – SEPTEMBER 28

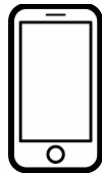


Kids Club will resume on Wednesdays starting September 28th through November 9th, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at the North Ainsworth Community Church, 318 N. 4th St. Preschool through 5th graders are encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome to stay. Registration: See our Facebook

Page “Ainsworth Community Church”; forms also available at church and on site.

PASTOR PHONE VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let the church know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time; leave a message on the **church answering machine: 319.657.3020** or call **Jan's cell 319.330.6175**. You may also send an email to the church: ainsworthchurch@gmail.com or to Jan: templejan@gmail.com



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE – SEPTEMBER 2022

Sept. 4	“How to allow loss to change us and God to love us.	Matthew 5:3-5
Sept. 11	Flood and Promise 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 Noah, the flood, and the promise of the rainbow (<i>Matt 8:24:24-27, Jesus calms the storm</i>)
Sept. 18	Call of Abraham 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 12:1-9 Call of Abraham, promise of land, descendants, blessing to the nations (<i>Matt 28:19-20, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations</i>)
Sept. 25	Joseph in Prison 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 39:1-23 Joseph is unjustly put in prison; yet God is present with him there (<i>Matt 5:11-12, Blessed are you when people revile you</i>)
Oct. 2	Rescue at the Sea 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 The sea parts at the exodus; God's deliverance (<i>Matt 2:13-15, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Egypt, out of Egypt have I called my son</i>)
Oct. 9	Covenant and Commandments 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 God brings Israel as on eagle's wings; Decalogue (<i>Matt 5:17, Jesus came not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them</i>)

ACCW – RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8

ACCW will begin its Fall Season of meetings on Thursday, September 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 PM with Pat Jenkins as hostess. She has arranged for Darren Brown to present the program. We hope to see you.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Sunday, October 2 we observe two programs – one from each denomination:

- 1) **World Communion Sunday** is a program of the United Methodist Church. Your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students who God has gifted to learn and to serve.



- 2) **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program** helps transform lives through work for peace, with the tools God has given. In the Spirit of God, we work to break the power of hate, and heal the wounds of violence and division. Join in the Peace and Global Witness Offering because it is boundless peace God offers. The donation jar and envelopes will be at the back of the sanctuary for BOTH programs.



ACC FOOD PANTRY

The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry Distribution is generally the **first weekend of EACH month**. If someone needs food or more information, contact Kathi at 319.657.2387 or 319.461.1339.



BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!



Thank you! Ainsworth Community Church and surrounding community for supporting the August blood drive. We collected **3 whole blood donations and 4 double reds**. The Center called it an “AWESOME” day!! Special thanks to **JoAnn Torpey** and **Marcia Wilson** for serving on the calling committee. **Next Drive: Monday, October 10, 2:30-6 PM at UCC**

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JASON ON TUESDAYS

Friendly reminder – every Tuesday at 7 PM, you are invited to join with Pastor Jason for Bible Study. Come to the South Church – most meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall, but some are in the sanctuary. It is a very informal, “Come-When-You-Can” Bible study led by Pastor Jason.

Bible Study



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THANK YOU!



“THANK YOU!” to the participants, parents, teachers, group leaders, food and snack providers and servers; coordinators, and volunteers in your part of VBS 2022 held in Crawfordsville. It was a very meaningful and fun event for our youth.

WALK TO EMMAUS



If you are interested in going to the Walk of Emmaus, please get in touch with Pastor Jason. The church pays your registration fee.

Men’s Walk 185: Thursday, October 13 thru Sunday, October 16

Women’s Walk 186: Thursday, October 27 thru Sunday, October 30

Both will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Shueyville, IA).

43ND ANNUAL MISSION INGATHERING: NOVEMBER 6

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The 43nd Annual Mission **Ingathering** will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Kathi and Brenda have already purchased all the supplies needed for the kits and assembled them. THANK YOU, Kathi and Brenda!!! To donate to this project, cash or check (payable to “ACC Mission Committee”) may be given to Kathi or Brenda Bean in person; put in the church offering; or mail to the church at PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201 and we will be sure it gets deposited in the correct account.

BISHOP HALLER OF UMC TO RETIRE



Bishop Laurie Haller is letting us know that she plans to return to active ministry in the Iowa Annual Conference on October 1 until the end of 2022. At that time, she intends to retire. She has been under appointment for forty-one years, having started her ministry in Michigan on January 1, 1982, five months after her first child was born. She looks forward to having more time with her three adult children and two grandchildren, traveling and writing. She is thankful for our prayers and gracious spirit over these past six years. She also thanks us for the hope that is in us and the opportunity each of us has to make a positive difference in our world.

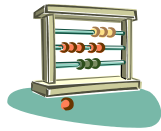
BUDGET REPORT – 7-31-2022

Income	\$ 6,110.93	Expenses	\$ 5,422.29
General Fund	\$44,651.11	Building Fund	\$12,642.87
Memorial Fund	\$21,801.47	Need/Month for budget	\$ 7,948.88



2022 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7,450.00

SUMMER ATTENDANCE



Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
June	281	251	248	241	Covid	147	164
July	405	347	314	229	Covid	124	163
August	281	251	265	226	Covid	123	177

PARISH COUNCIL/PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS



Here is an overview of topics and actions at the August 22 meeting:

Committee Reports: **Worship:** Fathers recognized with ice cream cone gift certificates courtesy of Dairy Mart. **Christian Education:** Cooperated with UCC for VBS August 9-12 at UCC. About 10 youth from Ainsworth participated. Meeting to plan for Kids' Club 2022-23. **Membership/Nurture:** Hosted funeral lunch for Pat Roberts Family and light snack with desserts reception for George Colthurst Family. **Property:** Submitting recommended concrete bid and agreement to construct new restroom on sanctuary level of South Church. **Parsonage Committee:** Meeting soon. **Mission:** – June: The Mission Committee served 8 families representing 23 people. July: The committee served 8 families and 25 people. **SPPRC** The Advisory form has been submitted to Consultation the district office. **Nominating Committee:** Time to begin preparation for Charge Conference. **Old Business:** Bids for concrete were collected. **New Business:** Apportionments: Agreed to wait paying additional money pending renovation plans. Charge Conference Preparation – A draft budget was shared. Colleen urged everyone to consult with their committee to see of any needed changes. She also requested they consider issues such as continued payment of sound booth operators; other property maintenance/improvement; custodian salary raise as church activity increases; etc. Action on Property Committee suggestions: Concrete bid – as not all bids were based on exactly the same project, it was agreed that Jason would contact Bruty to discuss further. If the cost would be over \$2000 additional dollars, Jason is to return the bid to Council for further discussion – Discussion continued concerning adding a bathroom to the sanctuary. Jason has one bid from Kalona, but it only includes framing; second bid includes everything but plumbing and electric. We are seeking an additional bid. Agreed that there be a Congregation vote on Sunday, October 23 at which time the congregation is to have details of the bid for the bathroom construction that is inclusive of plumbing, electric, and construction. Jason request pulpit supply: Approved request for October 16 allowing Jason to assist with the Men's Walk to Emmaus. **Next regular meeting:** September 19, 2022, 7 PM – Note this is a 3rd Monday this month.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Successful Vacation Bible School and looking forward to resuming Kids' Club Sept. 28; Upcoming weddings, anniversaries, births, and birthdays. Anticipation for the new school year and a bountiful harvest. Dale and Virginia Holmes as they adjust to daily life at the UP Home in Washington; Larry Bean's successful knee surgery. **Concerns:** Prayers of sympathy to the family and friends of George Colthurst, Dennis Stout, and Roger Gillis who passed recently. Special prayers to Dick Sieren as he struggles with the passing of his wife, Chris. Continued prayers for Harper Rae Carroll (Betty and Jerry Bean's great granddaughter) and Rose Jefferson (niece of Marshall Crossett) as they continue their long journey to good health. Special prayers for students, parents, teachers and staff at the start the school year. Those suffering from weather related issues – drought, fire, flooding, hurricane, and tornados. **Serving our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Jeff Prier; 3) *Duane & Deb Chalupa; 4) Duane Chalupa, 5) Grant Edwards; Kitch Shatzer; 9) Eric Stewart; 11) Ellie Prier; 12) Reid Edwards; Ashley Stout; 15) Joy Powers; 16) Owen White; Courtney Chalupa; 18) Jim Wenger; Bob Frame; 21) Joe Rees; 22) Dana Skubal Mikel; *Ted & Theresa Hahn; 26) Jason Longbine; Karen Arduser; 28) Deb Stewart; 29) Oliver Carstensen; 30) Linda Lord, Trudy Buster.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1) Cory Stewart; 2) Brenda Bean; 3) Colleen Bean; 4) Bob Lynde; 6) Rob Yoder; 7) Virginia Holmes; 8) Judy Stout; 12) Ron Ornduff; 15) Chelsea Anderson Septer; Haili Hunter, 17) *Josh & Christine Sands, *John & Alison Barnes; 20) Brandyn Beemblossm; Angela Hazelett; 23) Peg Hunter; Carol Horning; 24) Richard Lord; Wayne Freyenberger; 27) Geoff Stewart; 30) Tim Bean; 31) Joyce Lord Janecek; Deb Freyenberger.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6

Remember to turn your clocks back – Fall Back. We will resume Standard Time on **Sunday, November 7.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER-OCT. 2022

Sunday, September 4: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM; Youth Group, 6:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, September 6: Bible Study at ACC South Church, 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 8: ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 11: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM; Youth Group, 6:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, September 13: Bible Study at ACC South Church, 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 18: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group Open Gym, Old Elementary Gym, 6:30 PM

Monday, September 19: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom

Tuesday, September 20: "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM; Bible Study at ACC South Church, 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 25: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 6:30 PM, North Church

Monday, September 26: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 27: Bible Study at ACC South Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 28: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Sunday, Oct. 2: Worship, 10:30 AM; Worldwide Communion & Peacemaking Offering; Youth Group, 6:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25: Bible Study at ACC South Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Sunday, October 9, 16, 23, and 30: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Sunday, October 9: Youth Group Open Gym, Old Elementary Gym, 6:30 PM

Sunday, October 23: Congregation vote on renovation project following worship

Monday, October 10: Blood Drive at UCC, 3-6 PM; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM

Saturday, November 5: UMC Ingathering, Mt. Pleasant

Sunday, November 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM, South Church – Corner of 4th & Washington

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319.461.1637; and Ann: 319.330.0348

Ainsworth Community Church is a United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA) union congregation, together since 1973. Aligned with United Church of Crawfordsville since April 1, 2013.

We are the community church. We hope you will come and join us in one or more of these activities: Morning Worship Service, Youth Fellowship, Bible Studies, Women's Group, and much more.